



On the Bluff

A joint publication
of the Village of Lake Bluff
the Lake Bluff Park District
and Lake Bluff School District 65

On the Bluff is a publication of the Village of Lake Bluff, the Lake Bluff Park District, and Lake Bluff School District 65 as part of ongoing efforts to cooperate, provide mutual support, and share services to increase efficiencies for our shared taxpayers. Please let us know what you think, and what you'd like to read about. Email or call any of the contacts listed inside.

Working together

The Lake Bluff Tri-Board

This newsletter is an example of what can happen when governmental bodies work together. In 2008, Board members and executive staff of the Village of Lake Bluff, Lake Bluff Park District and Lake Bluff Elementary School District 65 began to meet on a regular basis.

The intergovernmental group took the name Tri-Board, and began its work together by updating each other on organizational plans, projects, and facilities.

It wasn't long before the group crossed over into "what-if" territory: *What about occasionally sharing parking lots? What if there were a shared road salt agreement? How about sharing the cost of mailing a printed newsletter to all the residents?*

As time passed, the Tri-Board meetings paved the way for a host of cooperative efforts, large and small, that saved residents' money and increased efficiency throughout Lake Bluff.

Meetings are open to the public, and are posted on the online meetings calendars of the Village, Park District and Elementary School District. Please feel free to join us!



**NORTH SHORE LIFE
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**LAKE BLUFF
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Your Voice Matters. Return That Survey!

The top-rated schools, village services, beaches and parks that we enjoy today didn't appear by accident. They were born of the community voice, planning and stewardship that make Lake Bluff such a special place.

As the Village, School District 65 and Park District collaborate to continuously improve our programs and properly manage Lake Bluff resources, we need guidance from you. In October, a local, independent market research firm will mail you a survey that covers all three organizations – one of the first such surveys conducted by any village in Illinois. We will ask you to identify needs and priorities, as well as candidly assess our respective performances. This is all with the aim of keeping Lake Bluff great for generations to come.

The survey – which will take 10-15 minutes to complete – will give us valuable insight into what matters to Lake Bluff residents and how we can improve our service to you.

"All of us at the Village, the schools and the parks are working together toward common goals, embracing a cost-effective, thoughtful and holistic approach to our wonderful community," said Kathleen O'Hara, Village President. "The results from this combined survey will help us continue to do that. We look forward to hearing from our fellow citizens."

Please watch your mail for the "Lake Bluff Community Wide Survey" from aQity Research. If you don't receive one by November 2, please stop by any of the agencies, or visit their websites.

News from the Village of Lake Bluff

Village President's message

Dear Neighbor,

In Lake Bluff, I know this time as the start of a new school year and the return to the happy rhythms of family life after the events of summer. Indeed, this summer was particularly eventful...

July 12 flooding

On July 12, the Village experienced what I hope will be an once-in-a-lifetime storm. Lake Bluff received over seven inches of rain in less than 10 hours, which flooded our major roads and at least 70 homes.

I am so grateful to our fire, police, and public works personnel for their diligent work to keep us all safe. I am also grateful to every neighbor who helped their neighbor in a time of need. Challenging times like these put the best of our community on display.

The Board and I recognize that the July 12 floods have shown areas for improvement in our stormwater infrastructure. We have directed Village Staff to conduct an extensive study of these issues to determine a plan of work and costs for the Board's consideration.

Car thefts

Unfortunately, the North Shore and Lake Bluff continue to be targets for professional car thieves. This newsletter contains best prac-

tices from our Police Department to stop these thefts, but the most important rule is this: **LOCK YOUR CAR.** We need your help to keep our community safe and secure.

Better together

You read on the cover about the cooperative spirit that all three of Lake Bluff's public bodies share in serving our residents. In addition to these efforts, I am proud to report two more successful examples of this spirit between our Village and the City of Lake Forest. We recently completed joint road reconstruction and resurfacing projects, and the Village's segment of the community-wide survey will support Dickinson Hall. Dickinson Hall is itself a cooperative effort between Lake Bluff and Lake Forest to best serve our senior citizens. Projects like these continue to build our relationships with each other as organizations, and continue to deliver outstanding value and service.

The times, they are a-changin'

Since I last wrote to you, our Village leadership has experienced many changes. In May, I was honored to swear in Trustee Aaron Towle and Village Clerk Joy Markee as John Josephitis concluded his service on the Board (Thanks so much, John!). In July, we welcomed Sergeant Matthew Smizinski as our next Deputy Chief of Police effective November 1, as well as new Sergeant Thomas Vinson and Police Officers Andrew Belanger and Adam Horn.

At the end of August, Steve Christensen unfortunately had to resign from the Board of Trustees as he and his family relocate to Libertyville. I am thankful for his service, especially as a thoughtful steward of our budget in his role as chair of our Finance Committee, and I am pleased to welcome Paul Lemieux back to the Board of Trustees to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Christensen's term.

Finally, Village Finance Director Susan Griffin will retire at the end of September and conclude her 25 years of diligent service to the Village. She will be succeeded by Bettina O'Connell, who comes to us from the Village of Grayslake.



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While the changing of the guard is bittersweet, I am confident that these new faces are the right ones to help us succeed in the coming years of our Village.

Buzz on the Bluff

Summer is an exciting time for our Village, and there's rarely a quiet weekend to be had. This summer, we had the good fortune to see:

- ▶ Another successful iteration of the Lake Bluff Fourth of July Parade;
- ▶ The Lake Bluff History Museum's Auto Show and Raffle;
- ▶ The Lake Bluff Criterium and Block Party;
- ▶ Seven Bluffinia concerts produced by our Park District;
- ▶ Five block parties hosted by the Lake Bluff Brewing Company;
- ▶ Four productions of Shakespeare on the Village Green by CenterStage; and
- ▶ The twenty-fourth year of our Farmers Market on Friday mornings.

Before we know it, it will be time for Ribfest (October 7), Pumpkin Fest (October 27-28), and the holiday season.

I hope you and your family will join us, and most of all, I hope have ample opportunities to enjoy the fall season on the Bluff with your neighbors and friends.

Best,

Kathleen O'Hara, Village President

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Flooding Q&A with Village Engineer Jeff Hansen

On Wednesday, July 12, the Village of Lake Bluff experienced a significant rain storm that has been estimated as a 140-year storm by Lake County. The Village saw about 7 inches of rain in less than 10 hours. This resulted in flooded basements and the closure of many local streets such as Green Bay Road and highways including Route 176 and Route 41. Due to the scale and damage of the storm, the State of Illinois and Lake County declared a state of emergency. This exceptional rain storm was followed by two other significant rain events occurring on July 20 and August 3.

What does the Village do to protect us from stormwater?

The construction of homes and businesses create hard (“impervious”) surfaces that soak up less water and send it elsewhere faster. This increases the size of floods in low-lying areas and the velocity of moving water. Through our development regulations, the Village restricts the amount of impervious surface on a lot to reduce this effect.

We also provide stormwater systems to protect property by piping water away and by moving it on streets and over land. Lake Bluff’s public infrastructure is designed and built to accommodate a moderate storm within the storm sewers (pipes). As the intensity of the storm increases, by design, more water flows on streets and over land until it reaches a waterway or a storm sewer with more capacity. The ultimate design goal of modern infrastructure is to prevent property damage in the 100-year storm.

What is a 100-year storm?

Stormwater experts determine how protected an area or structure is based on how big of a storm can be handled without damage to property. Designers use the probability of a storm occurring each year to identify the level of protection, as well as how severe a storm event was. The term “100 year storm” is an expression for a storm with a 1% chance of occurring each year; the “10 year storm” has a 10% chance each year; the “5 year storm” has a 20% chance each year. It is possible to have multiple “10 year storms” in just a few years – the same way as you can get “tails” three times in a row when you flip a coin.

What areas of Lake Bluff were affected by the July 12th flooding?

There isn’t a neighborhood in our Village that was unaffected by flooding. Again, we’re talking about a natural disaster. We estimate that at least 70 people had water in their basement for one reason or another, such as a sump pump power failure or groundwater seepage through basement walls.

Still, the Village observed significant flooding at:

- ▶ Lincoln Ave., south of Scranton Ave./Rte. 176
- ▶ Campbell Court, north of the Tanglely Oaks subdivision
- ▶ West Sheridan Place, west of Lincoln Avenue

Doesn’t the Route 176 Viaduct (Scranton Underpass) flood all the time?

No – but it can be very disruptive when it does flood. Village records indicate the Viaduct has been closed seven times in the past five years due to large rainfalls.

What about the Route 176 Viaduct (Scranton Underpass)... What is the Village doing?

The Viaduct is under the control of the Illinois Department of Transportation. IDOT is responsible for its maintenance and management. The Village has expressed its concerns to the State for years with no solution.

What is the Village doing to help limit future flooding?

The Village and its engineers are using the July 12 storm to confirm past studies and identify potential projects to reduce flooding. The Village is exploring potential projects, as well as stormwater pipe expansions that will better protect low lying areas.

What can I do to protect my home from flooding?

- **Look at the terrain around your home:** Small drains in your yard can’t handle large storms. Grades should direct most water away from you and your neighbors’ homes and toward the street.
- **Scout out where you are sending water:** Some homeowners don’t realize that they are causing water problems for their neighbors by directing downspouts and sump pumps toward their property line. Cooperating with your neighbors to grade common lot lines would fix many runoff problems in our Village.
- **Improve your sump pump:** Ensure your sump pump has backup power, whether it comes from a battery or a generator. Consider upgrading it to make sure it can move water out of your home before it can reach your belongings.
- **Fortify your foundation:** If grading doesn’t solve the problem, you can install French drains, seal foundation cracks, and waterproof basement walls. These techniques may help prevent water from entering your basement.
- **Consider flood insurance:** If you only had a flooding problem on July 12, you may not need to worry about future damage. However, you should consider your options carefully. In the event of a flood, your homeowner’s insurance may not cover the damage so it is advisable to speak with your home insurance provider about coverage options.

Lake Bluff Residents, lock your cars!

Residents who don’t lock their cars continue to be victims, and Lake Bluff Police officials again urge residents to take their keys and lock their cars. Gang-affiliated criminals have struck Lake Bluff and the North Shore throughout the summer. Often we find these auto-burglaries have one thing in common: **the car is left unlocked**. It takes less than 20 seconds to open an unlocked car, grab what is in plain view, check the usual hiding places for other items, and get away.

How long would it take you to lock your car?

“We continue to see thieves take advantage of unlocked cars in our community,” said Police Chief David Belmonte. “We have increased our night patrols and continue to work with other agencies to stop these criminals, but every car stolen this year had the keys left in it. We are making ourselves targets.” The members of the Lake Bluff Police Department encourage these steps to **avoid being a victim**:

- ▶ Lock ALL your vehicle’s doors and close every window.
- ▶ Do not leave valuables in your car.
- ▶ If you must leave valuable items in your car, place items out of sight.
- ▶ Call the Police Department to report ANY suspicious activities, persons, or vehicles.

Do your part by taking preventive action and spreading the word. You **can** make a difference.

News from Lake Bluff Park District

Watching the horizon

Enjoy the walk and the path – but keep your eyes on the horizon.

That's the philosophy we embrace at the Park District. We appreciate what we have, but look diligently to the future. We aim to keep our precious parks and programs vibrant, vital and relevant for residents and visitors – today and tomorrow.

That was our strategy in 2014, when we planned to upgrade Artesian Park, repair the pool and improve access to the incomparable Sunrise Park & Beach. The Friends of Lake Bluff Parks shared a similar vision, when it raised \$50,000 to assist with improving the beach stairs and restrooms. As we set our sights on the future of Lake Bluff's parks, programs, facilities and services, we believe we need to address several trends and challenges. Among them:

- ▶ Possible declines in revenues related to state-enforced property tax caps;
- ▶ Probable increases in costs to maintain our programs, properties, facilities and equipment;
- ▶ How best to respond to the changing needs and priorities of an active, evolving community;
- ▶ How best to finance capital improvements, as well as day-to-day operations;
- ▶ How best to do more with less.

To address these in a thoughtful, Lake Bluff manner, we're undertaking three studies. The

first is our Community Survey, conducted by an independent research firm in collaboration with the Village and School District 65. The second is the Park District "Service Analysis" study, conducted by consulting firm 110%, Inc. This study will analyze market demand and use, as well as the true and total cost of operating all our services, facilities, parks and programs. The third is our Capital Improvement Plan, reviewed and vetted by Sikich LLP, a well-known accounting and financial firm.

Community survey

In early October, aQity Research & Insights will ask community residents what they think our Village's needs and priorities should be, as well as how key organizations – the Village, School District 65 and the Park District – are performing. We will review the results of that survey alongside our Service Analysis study and our Capital Improvement Plan to help determine how best to meet the community's parks and recreation needs in the years to come.

All three organizations will share the survey's \$32,000 cost.

Service analysis

In the first such study Lake Bluff has ever done, consulting firm 110%, Inc. will examine all of our Park District facilities, programs and services to determine the total annual cost of each – direct (e.g., water, equipment, etc.) and indirect (e.g., staff salaries, electric bills, etc.).

Lead consultant Jamie Sabbach will examine

each of our offerings and evaluate them against the Park District's mission. She'll look at how often and by how many people each program or facility is used, as well as possible alternatives.

Ultimately, she'll determine the net financial cost of each facility, program and service – and help us decide what next to do with each: invest more in it, outsource it to a third party, subsidize it (and to what degree), or divest ourselves of it, completely.

Ms. Sabbach will start her study in November and present the results to the Park District Board and residents this winter. The study will cost about \$38,000 and was approved by the Board in the Park District's 2017 budget.

Capital Improvement Plan

In 2013 the Capital Task Force – a group of residents and Park District Board members – collaborated with ACG Architectural Group to evaluate and recommend steps to improve our parks during the next 15 years. We've contracted Sikich Certified Accountants to examine the financial viability of those plans and help us:

- ▶ Compare the current capital budget with our capital fund balances, and identify any excesses or potential shortfalls;
- ▶ Study future and estimated golf club capital and operational budgets.

Sikich will begin this study in December and present to the Board and community in late January.



Calling All Racquet Sports Enthusiasts

Platform tennis – Chicago's fastest-growing winter sport – returns this month! And the Lake Bluff Park District Paddle Club is looking for new players of all ages and skill levels. The Club's 2016 North Shore Kickoff Classic raised enough money for a fourth court (75% subsidized by the players) at Blair Park, and our members are excited to recruit new competitors, including social players and seniors.

The addition of the fourth paddle court allows us to expand and enhance all facets of our

program. It enables our current players to host more matches, field additional teams, and introduce this social and competitive sport to new players from our community and surrounding areas. And our Park District paddle tennis instructors are eager to help you improve your game with lessons or drills!

Come join us! We're excited about this upcoming fall and winter season. Now is a great time to become a member of our platform tennis club. Phone 847-457-7362 for details.



Climb in for “Trunk or Treat”

Looking to tap your Halloween “Ghost Rider”? How about revving up “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Sedan”?

If so, now’s your chance. Join us at Lake Bluff’s annual “Trunk or Treat” trunk-decorating contest Friday, October 20, at the temporarily renamed “Blair Witch Park.”

You bring the wheels, creative tombstones, witches’ cauldrons, and candy for the “trunk-or-treaters”! We’ll supply popcorn and cider under the pavilion, plus awards for the best-decorated “car-goyles.”

Just register your trunk with the Park District by October 1 and your kids (up to 12 years old) by October 13.

The “Spooking Lot” will open at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 20. “Trunk or Treating” runs from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Tee it Up for Turkey Golf Challenge on November 11

If you enjoy fall golf, please join us for the 8th Annual Turkey Challenge at the Lake Bluff Golf Course!

Proceeds benefit the Friends of Lake Bluff Parks. Registration (\$50 for members, \$70 for non-members) covers your green fee, cart, breakfast, lunch and special prizes. We’ll have a 9 a.m. shotgun start, and the “Leaf Rule” will be in effect!

Register individually, or as a team. Call the Pro Shop: 847-234-6771.

Park Board President’s message

Dear Lake Bluff Park District Residents:

Fall is always recognized as a time of change. At the Park District, change means improvement and adaptation of our services to fit the ever-changing needs of the community. The busy summer at the Park District has been quickly replaced by the start of a new fall season that includes some of our most popular programs such as Preschool, Dance and our After-School Club.

Additional referendum projects were completed in June when the new Artesian and Blair Park playgrounds opened. These popular play areas have been packed all summer and provide a safe and fun place for our children to play and socialize. We have also added a fourth paddle court which will give Lake Bluff the ability to expand the program and field more teams in the league.

As fall approaches, the Board and staff will continue to focus on the Park District’s Strategic Plan. The Park District is focused on two core areas: Exceeding Guest Expectations and Financial Sustainability. The Park District, Village of Lake Bluff and School District 65 have created a partnership to conduct a Community Wide Survey. This survey will provide an opportunity for residents to identify future recreation needs and share feedback if about both the array of programs and services the Park District offers, and the quality and value of the product delivered.

A Financial Sustainability Plan is being developed. It will include capital expenses with priorities until 2033; cost of services/subsidization; self-evaluation of all parks, facilities, programs and services; debt, operational budget forecasts and more. The Board will begin prioritizing Park District resources to determine how they best fit community needs. The goal is to achieve financial sustainability and continue to provide exceptional programs, facilities and services to our Lake Bluff community.

Best regards,

Rob Douglass, Board President

Thank you, Kiwanis Foundation!

The Lake Bluff Preschool became the first area preschool to use interactive smartboards, thanks to a generous donation from the Kiwanis Foundation of Lake Bluff and Lake Forest. The preschool added this new dimension of learning to its classrooms after the club donated \$10,000 to purchase four smartboards. The Park District Board and staff extends our sincere thanks to the members of the Kiwanis Foundation of Lake Bluff and Lake Forest for the donation.

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Park Board Meetings

The Park Board meetings are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Lake Bluff Park District Recreation Center at Blair Park, 355 W. Washington Avenue in Lake Bluff.

The public is invited to attend meetings. Please visit www.lakebluffparks.org for Committee meeting agendas and to view all regular Board meetings online.

News from the Lake Bluff Schools

New curriculum programs this year

Three new central curriculum areas are being introduced this year in the Lake Bluff Schools. Professional development and training is being provided to support teachers as they bring these new areas of study to their classrooms:

College Preparatory Math for grades 6–8:

The goal of this newly adopted program is to engage all students in learning mathematics through problem solving, reasoning, and communication. Problem-based lessons are structured around a primary idea. A team approach toward learning is fostered, with students working individually, with partners, and in groups to engage in activities and exploratory experiences.

Reading and Writing Workshop: Guided by units developed by the Reading Writing Project at Columbia University, this workshop for Kindergarten through grade 8 provides mini lessons to introduce skills/strategies/techniques. Students have the opportunity to practice the new skills, share with other students, and get feedback from their teachers and peers.

Handwriting Without Tears: This program, which uses a physical approach to build good writing habits, will be introduced in Kindergarten through grade 2. It is developmentally appropriate, multisensory, and teaches through a unique and purposeful letter order.

Curriculum review continues

Ongoing curriculum reviews are an important part of behind-the-scenes work at the Lake Bluff Schools. Every year, a committee of teachers and specialists takes part in a year-long series of meetings to review standards, assessments, and current instructional practices. For 2017–18, the review will focus on Math – Kindergarten through grade 5, Social Studies – Kindergarten through grade 8, and Physical Education/Wellness – Kindergarten through grade 8.

The goal of a review is not always a new program, but instead to look closely at what's in place and determine how to fill gaps and make improvements in order to ensure that instruction is delivered at the highest level.

Connecting students across grades



A Fox Family gathers for its first meeting at Lake Bluff Elementary School

New this year at Lake Bluff Elementary School: Fox Families! No, not *that* kind of Fox... we're talking about the school's mascot Red Fox, who stands for practicing kindness, acting responsibly, welcoming challenges and showing respect.

Early in September, more than 50 groups of up to ten students from a mix of grade levels were formed. They'll meet three more times this year for a variety of team-building activities led by staff members who are not their own classroom teachers. Every student and every staff member is a part of a Fox Family.

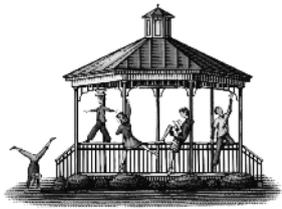
"This program will broaden students' connections with adults and other students throughout the building," explained Principal Margaret St. Claire. "Fox Families also present a wonderful opportunity for our older students to practice leadership responsibilities."

Garden Club celebrates anniversary at LBMS



At the dedication: Garden Club members, School Board President Mark Barry, District 65 Superintendent Dr. Jean Sophie, Middle School Principal Nate Blackmer

The Lake Bluff Garden Club commemorated its Centennial Celebration by renewing the planters in front of Lake Bluff Middle School. The Club enlisted Mariani Landscape to create the design. With input from the school's Environmental Club – students requested native pollinators – and the staff responsible for maintenance, they created a good mix of native plants and other favorites that will look interesting all year long. "Our first civic project was in 1923, when our members dug plants from their yards and put them around East School," explains Club member Daun Roth, who chaired the effort. "It's so fitting that we would celebrate our anniversary by planting here at LBMS." The planters were dedicated in September. "Everything the Garden Club does is beautiful," added Superintendent Dr. Jean Sophie. "What a perfect finishing touch to the school renovations."



LAKE BLUFF SCHOOLS DISTRICT 65

Strategic planning moving along

The Lake Bluff Schools' existing Strategic Plan, adopted in 2013, expires in June 2018.

“This was a thorough, comprehensive plan that has served the District well,” explains Superintendent Dr. Jean Sophie. “Essentially everything that it laid out has been achieved.”

That plan had so much depth that it can now be used as the foundation for the new Strategic Plan for 2018–2023, and work is underway.

Focus groups for both parents and staff have been held, and two parent surveys have been conducted. Over the summer, that data was processed. Volunteer recruitment began in spring for three meetings of parents, non-parent community members, staff, and administrators. They are tasked with reviewing the status of the current plan, including test scores and indicators by which success can be judged in the areas of Student Achievement, Climate & Satisfaction, Finance & Operation, and Communication. After those meetings are held this fall, the administrative team will assemble the big picture for presentation to the Board.

“It was exciting to have so many community members who wanted to be a part of this process,” says Dr. Sophie. “Unfortunately, participation had to be limited so that everyone had time to provide feedback. We are looking forward to the next opportunity for Lake Bluff residents to be involved.”

Meanwhile the Board is reviewing the District's Mission, Vision, & Guiding Principles, while taking part as observers as feedback is gathered. The Board will then determine new District goals, with the administrative team providing guidance on what measurements can be used to determine rates of success.

The full plan will then go back to the Strategic Planning group for input in spring, with Board approval of the new plan in May or June.

School Board President's message

Dear Fellow Community Members:

Once again the students of Lake Bluff have begun another new school year packed with challenges and learning, and the entire board of education is honored to be a part of it. Just like any community member, school board members love seeing the smiles on students' faces and sharing their enthusiasm as they meet their new teachers, explore their classrooms, and rekindle friendships. This excitement reminds us of why we do what we do.

Much of what we do is planning, whether for the short-term or long-term. One of our most important guiding documents is the Strategic Plan. It is our roadmap, reflecting the values most important to this community. Every five years, we write a new one.

It seems like only yesterday, 2012–2013 in fact, that we brought the community together to create the current Strategic Plan. We knew at the time that this was an investment in the future of education in Lake Bluff, and it has paid off with a solid framework for decision-making that has guided us well and had a positive impact on education and finances. The data collection and analysis was so rich and well thought-out that much of it can be used as the foundation for the new 2018–2023 plan now in development. Please see the column at left for details, and watch for information over the months ahead.

The entire board wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to the 100 plus community members, faculty and staff who spent hours and hours helping with this process. Your dedication to this community and our students is part of what makes Lake Bluff so special.

More on the subject of planning and opinion gathering: please keep an eye out for the community survey coming to you in the next several weeks. This survey, developed in conjunction with the Village and the Park District, is an example of the ways your taxing bodies are working together to save costs and increase efficiency for our residents.

As always, if you have questions or comments please feel free to contact me at mbarry@lb65.org.

Thank you, and let's keep in touch.

Mark Barry, Board President

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School Board Meetings

Regular School Board meetings are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings are usually held at 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday two weeks prior to the regular meetings of the School Board. Unless otherwise announced, meetings are held in the Lake Bluff Village Hall, 40 E. Center Avenue. Meetings are televised live within Village boundaries on Comcast Channel 19 and rebroadcast throughout the week. Videos of the meetings are available at www.LB65.org within 10 days.

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Village of Lake Bluff meetings and events

Please check lakebluff.org for agendas and cancellations
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September

25 Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
27 SEC Meeting 7 p.m.
29 SEC Farmers Market Table 7 a.m. to noon
30 SEC Chickens & Bees Public Forum (TBD)

October

3 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
7 Rib Fest All Day
9 Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
11 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
18 Plan Comm. & Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
23 Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
25 SEC Meeting 7 p.m.
27 Pumpkin Fest 5 p.m.
28 Pumpkin Fest All Day

November

7 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
8 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
11 Veteran's Day Ceremony 9 a.m.
13 Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
15 Plan Comm. & Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
23 Village Offices Closed – Thanksgiving
24 Village Offices Closed – Black Friday
27 Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
29 SEC Meeting 7 p.m.

Please know some newsletter recipients may not receive services, or qualify for programs, offered by the Village of Lake Bluff.

Visit www.LakeBluff.org for an online calendar, Village news and more.

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Park District meetings and events

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The Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the first Monday of the month and regular meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners are held on the third Monday of the month as noted in the following schedule. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 355 W. Washington Avenue, Lake Bluff.

October

2 Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 p.m.
16 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

November

6 Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 p.m.
13 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

December

4 Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:30 p.m.
18 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

*2nd Monday of the Month

See the online calendar at
www.lakebluffparks.org/meetings.html
for Park Board and Committee meetings.

See page 5 for Trunk or Treat at Blair Park on Friday, October 20 and The Cold Turkey Golf Challenge on Saturday, November 11!

Visit www.LakeBluffParks.org for an online calendar, programs and more.

School District events and news

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October

9 Columbus Day – No school
10 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
24 Regular Board of Education 7 p.m.*

November

14 Regular Board of Education 7 p.m.*
22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday – No school

December

12 Regular Board of Education 7 p.m.*
18 Winter Break begins – through January 2

* Unless otherwise announced, Board meetings are at 7 p.m. in the Lake Bluff Village Hall, 40 E. Center Avenue. See page 6 for details.

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